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Dear Dr. Stark,

I feel compelled to write to you regarding the Board of Regents upcoming discussions about Critical Race Theory. I am a retired Omaha Public Schools administrator. I grew up in the 1960's and learned a very white-washed version of our nation's history. For example, I had never heard of Juneteenth until I taught fifth grade at Bancroft Elementary School and it was part of our social studies curriculum. I told my then fifth graders that I had never heard of it and they were amazed. I used this as a teachable moment to show the importance of teaching our country's whole, true history.

Those of us advocating for the teaching of Critical Race Theory love this country as much if not more than those who oppose it. It is not anti-American to teach, speak, and learn the truth – even the hard truths. Truth is what makes this country great! The practice of censoring what teachers can and cannot teach is how China, North Korea, and Russia (just to name a few) operate. Is this who we want to be? I think not. Our democracy depends on high quality education that teaches students to think critically.

Please don't allow the recent politics and fear-mongering discourage you from advocating for the freedom of teachers/professors to teach Critical Race Theory.

Thank you for your time.
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